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Re: BAR APPEAL - #2000-0217 - 311 COMMERCE STREET

Dear Ms. Jett:

On behalf of Ray Lotto, the Appellant under the subject appeal, and in confirmation of our discussions with interested neighbors and Peter Smith, we request a deferral of the appeal presently scheduled for March 17, 2001, before the City County to the City Council public hearing on September 15, 2001. This will give us an opportunity to speak further with the neighbors and staff regarding Mr. Lotto's development proposals and the neighbors' concerns.

Thank you for your kind consideration of and attention to this matter. Please call with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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